

SENATE BILL 3229

By Southerland

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,  
Chapter 8, Part 1, relative to rules of the road.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. The comptroller of the treasury is directed to conduct a comprehensive study of the use of traffic surveillance cameras by government agencies in the state. The study shall include:

- (1) A list of all municipalities and counties employing traffic surveillance cameras;
- (2) The impact of such traffic surveillance cameras upon driver behavior based on traffic accident histories before and after the operation of such traffic surveillance cameras;
- (3) The method of funding such traffic surveillance cameras by the government agency, including the nature of any contracts between the government agency and a camera vendor; and
- (4) The government agency's use of funds received from citations issued from evidence based on traffic surveillance cameras.

SECTION 2. The comptroller of the treasury shall provide a copy of the study to the transportation committees of the senate and the house of representatives no later than January 15, 2011.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-198, is amended in subsection (b) by deleting the following language in its entirety:

An employee of the applicable law enforcement office shall review video evidence from a traffic light signal monitoring system and make a determination as to whether a violation has occurred. If a determination is made that a violation has

occurred, a notice of violation or a citation shall be sent by first class mail to the registered owner of the vehicle that was captured by the traffic light signal monitoring system.

and by substituting instead the following:

An officer, certified by the peace officer standards and training commission, of the applicable law enforcement office shall review photographic or video evidence from a traffic violation surveillance camera and make a determination as to whether a violation has occurred. If a determination is made that a violation has occurred, a notice of violation or a citation shall be sent by first class mail to the registered owner of the vehicle that was captured by the traffic violation surveillance system.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it.